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. . . . The 146th meeting of the CIA RETIREMENT BOARD convened at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, 12 November 1970, with the following present:


 Chairman
P Member
DI Member
DS&T Member 25X1A
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al Advisor
Technical Advisor
Executive Secretary
Recording Secretary

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 We have the Minutes of the Board meetings on 1 October, 15 October, and 26 October 1970. Any comments on them? (No response.) If not, let them stand as written.

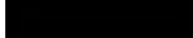
Next we have two employees who have completed 15 years of Agency service and appear to meet the criteria for designation as participants in the System:  25X1A


 Recommend we approve their designation as participants in the System. 25X1A

 Second. 25X1A


. . . This motion was then passed . . .


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 We have nine employees who have completed more than 5 years of Agency service and appear to meet the criteria for designation as participants in the System.

 Move they be so designated.

 Second. 25X1A

 This motion was then passed . . .

 We have one employee - John O.

25X1A , who has applied for voluntary retirement on 31 January 1971.

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He is age 57, has 33 years of Federal service, 19 years of Agency service, and 60 months of qualifying service.

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[REDACTED] Move we approve it.

[REDACTED] Second.

. . . This motion was then passed . . .

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[REDACTED] We have one involuntary retirement -

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[REDACTED], on 31 January 1971, age 47, 27 years of Federal service, 10 years of Agency service, and 62 months of qualifying service.

May I have a motion?

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[REDACTED] Move it be approved.

[REDACTED] Second.

. . . This motion was then passed . . .

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. . . . [REDACTED] joined the meeting
at this point

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[REDACTED] Next, the case of [REDACTED]

I feel very familiar with this case since he has had five extensions, the last two of which were in spite of "there will not be another extension" 25X1A although I don't think the very last one was worded that way. [REDACTED] is a fine old gentleman and he is sitting outside and waiting to come in, at his own request. His wife has chronic leukemia and in a sense he is sort of sitting a death watch on her. Each year he feels that she can't possibly make it another year - and he says as soon as she dies he is going back to Arizona and he can live very comfortably on his salary. And she apparently has been too ill to even contemplate moving to cheaper living quarters. And as he said, he might go from a \$157.00 apartment to maybe a \$125.00 one, but there isn't much available below that, so he

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doesn't feel there would be much of a saving and he would probably spend more in moving expenses ~~than~~ ^{what he would save} for a year in rent, and he doesn't expect her to live this long.

It's really a rather sad case. He has tried to find other work, but at age 66 he obviously is not going to find it. I wouldn't want to put this into anything we write up, but he's really sort of saying whenever his wife dies he will retire.

So, this is where we stand on it.

Now, I should tell you that on this one I did talk to Colonel White and say: I know how the Board is going to feel on this - or at least I think I do, because I think it's a good compassionate case and I think most of them will want to go along with the extension but they will be a little upset on a 6th extension. And he said he didn't think he would have too much trouble with that. So I don't know if there is any point, really, in calling [REDACTED] in.

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[REDACTED] No. I wouldn't find any trouble giving him the extension.

25X1A

[REDACTED] You might let him come in but spare him having to repeat all of what you mentioned.

[REDACTED] Does anybody want him to come in?

No, I don't think so.

25X1A

I don't think so.

[REDACTED] Okay, we have recommended a one year extension for [REDACTED] based on the very compassionate circumstances surrounding his entire case.

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. . . This motion was unanimously passed . . .

[REDACTED] who is waiting outside to come in. I realize we have a negative from

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the CSCS Board and a negative from [REDACTED] Division, but yet I don't like it to appear that we take completely what they say when the man's case looks pretty good when you read it. So I'm looking for just what is it that makes his own statement of the case not the true one, so to speak. I have a call in to [REDACTED], and he said he would have to go back and refresh his memory and then he would call me back. But he hasn't called back yet -- and I'd like to hold off bringing [REDACTED] in until I've gotten that call. If this case had had a positive endorsement from everybody, it wouldn't have looked bad -- but I have a feeling that [REDACTED] was not as involved in all of these things as he indicates he was.

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[REDACTED] Did you say he is waiting outside?

Yes.

Let me read the facts on this. He is 52. He needs almost the full 60 months. He had only six days overseas. He has agreed that he will retire within 90 days after approval. Since he is only 52 he would take somewhere around a 6% reduction in annuity under Civil Service if he doesn't make CIARDS. He is specifically requesting the time from July 1962 through October 1967. The Chief of [REDACTED] Division says:

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"We do not believe Mr. [REDACTED] tour of duty with [REDACTED] Division should be considered as domestic qualifying service for the CIARDS. While it is true that Mr. [REDACTED] did perform operational assignments utilizing non-official cover he was not required to live in a non-official cover environment where the constant application of stringent cover and security techniques was necessary."

And the CSCS Board reached that same conclusion. He was assigned throughout all of this time to the Washington Office of [REDACTED] and he was under [REDACTED]

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We did get one comment from Wayne

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Wayne said [REDACTED] was with him for only one year -- but

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Wayne drew a real blank - said that as far as he knew [REDACTED] was the historical officer and records administration, and didn't get into the

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operational aspects. Now maybe he did in the previous four years, but, again, he wouldn't have the full five years. 25X1A

25X1A Well, let's move to the case of [REDACTED]
25X1A while I wait for [REDACTED] to return my call regarding M [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is 55 years old. From 1946 until December 1950 he was on the Support Staff of OSO, and from 1950 until October 1952 he was in conventional logistics duties. So obviously we are zeroing in on 1955 until 1967 when he was with the Central Cover Staff, and apparently out of that period 1955 through 1958 - three years, and 1965 to 1967 - two years, a total period of approximately five years was in non-official cover.

Sid, do you have anything further to present on this case?

25X1A [REDACTED] No. Just what is here.
[REDACTED] My own comment to myself was that on balance it didn't look too bad - particularly as he described it in his 11 September 1970 memo.

25X1A [REDACTED] The only comment I have here on

25X1C [REDACTED]

25X1A [REDACTED] Yes, that's a rather significant thing.
Now maybe it was just a slip on his part, but it's almost such a bad one that you have the feeling maybe he doesn't know they don't have representation here.

25X1A [REDACTED] Clearly he doesn't know.

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. . . . [REDACTED] joined the
meeting at this point

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[REDACTED]

He is not the first one that we have had whose
job was to arrange commercial cover, and to whom we have given
credit. I don't know. Does anyone else have any strong
feelings one way or the other on it?

[REDACTED] I just can't see it, myself.

25X1A

The nub of it is, his duties involved -
"...the establishment, implementation, and operation of many cover
facilities throughout the United States. Required considerable travel as
[REDACTED] Initial contacts were often made without
revealing government interest and the cover entities that were established
continued to be maintained and administered with a very limited number of
persons being aware of the true nature. This required extensive and
constant use of cover and of operational techniques."

I guess our question is to what extent these
duties required extensive and constant use of cover and operational
techniques.

And did he spend a total of three
years in that.

25X1A

It's three out of five is what they're
saying.

Was he on the road more than 60%
of the time?

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[REDACTED] Some of the things that he brings up^{25X1A}
in his memo just floor me! Like where he talks about representing a
business firm and that that was bad because he could have gotten a
discount at hotels and motels had he been a Federal employee.

[REDACTED] My thought, Harry, because^{25X1A}
you keep looking for a specific period of time, like the period in [REDACTED]
for instance, how long was that? what was the beginning and the ending
date.

[REDACTED] one was cited in his memo^{25X1A}
as just a fictitious case.

[REDACTED] But in terms of the thing he was^{25X1A}
supporting, if he could put a beginning and ending date it might even make
his case a little easier to follow.

[REDACTED] Well, we have had other Central^{25X1A}
Cover cases, haven't we, Harry?

[REDACTED] I think so, yes.^{25X1A}

I mention this fact, that maybe not in first
going out and scrounging up commercial cover and making these contacts,
but ultimately he has to surface who he is -- I'm sure he doesn't get
any CIA cover without ultimately saying - "I'm from the CIA and we
would like to plant this guy with you." So it really isn't completely clear
to me why he used the cover. I'm sure he didn't sign a hotel register as
with CIA -- that is understandable. But it isn't tradecraft and cover in
the sense that we normally think of it. It's only until he gets in and talks
to somebody, but then he must say to them he's from the CIA. But I
do agree with John - I think we have given credit for this type of activity.

[REDACTED] I wasn't certain that we had.^{25X1A}
don't know. I think it would be interesting to see if we have ever given
any, other than under the liberalized approach.

[REDACTED] But not for establishing non-official^{25X1A}

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cover, during that first period when he was --

[REDACTED] I'm not even considering the official cover part of it. Because, you see, he is really identifying a twelve year period, out of which it appears five years was under non-official cover, and out of that five years he is looking for three. Also, of course, Tom K. has said this looks like pretty good service. 25X1A

[REDACTED] But the non-official cover part was only 26 months. Then he says, "During my second assignment to non-official cover staff from January 1965 to March 1967" 25X1A

[REDACTED] So the one period was for 26 months and the other for 35 months. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Yes. 25X1A
[REDACTED] Maybe we should go back to him and ask him how much of his time he was actually out performing that job of establishing non-official cover -- 25X1A

[REDACTED] Well, he says at one point - 25X1A
"In this assignment the time away from office and home increased from about twenty percent to nearer twenty five percent of the time." 25X1A

[REDACTED] Well, 25% of five years is not three years -- this is the problem. And he's an old friend and old schoolmate of mine, but I just don't think he was out that much -- and while he was here he was an Agency employee in this building. 25X1A

[REDACTED] I think we ought to talk to the man himself or get somebody to come in who was in Central Cover during the period [REDACTED] was there -- maybe [REDACTED]. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Yes, Erich could probably give you a clearer story, and much more to the point, also. 25X1A

[REDACTED] But would Erich know the situation during that period, though. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Well at least he could dig through

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the files and research the thing a little bit.

search, too.

And he will do his usual thorough
25X1A

I'm bothered because in some cases
we get pretty good supporting papers and in others it's inadequate, and
I really think we should ask those who are commenting either pro or con

to say a few more words about it. As I previously pointed out in
the case of [REDACTED] for example, [REDACTED] says in his memo
that he doesn't think [REDACTED] is qualified, and then when you match that up
against what the man himself said, you don't feel you really have enough
to question the man on.

Well, to go back to [REDACTED] case. Sid
do you know, is [REDACTED] really pushing for this 31 December retirement?

[REDACTED] Well, that's what paragraph 4 in
that last memo says.

[REDACTED] I'm sorry I was away for two weeks --
because this is the type of thing we should have laid on earlier so that
Erich could have been here today.

[REDACTED] Harry, if you're going to talk to
Erich, I'm wondering if we shouldn't also ask him who has been retired
out of that office and gotten qualifying service, and then let's look at their
documented situation.

[REDACTED] I think Murray can probably spot that
for you.

Well, either way -- I think it would
be of interest to see how the Board looked at it, and if it was the same
sort of criteria - and I think it was.

[REDACTED] I know of two - [REDACTED]
and the fellow who went down to Florida and subsequently died. How
about [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He was a liberalized one, though 25X1A
wasn't he? I don't know.

three of them. [REDACTED] Let Murray look up a couple or

25X1A

Tom didn't retire until about February
of this year.

[REDACTED] We might have given him some credit--
We have been giving credit for a lot of the
activity, but of course it normally took care of a shorter period of time.
This is a pretty extensive period of time -- I think this is our problem here.

Well, okay, we will talk to Erich. 25X1A

[REDACTED] And based on his age and time in service 25X1A
[REDACTED] could retire under the Civil Service System without a
reduced annuity, couldn't he? 25X1A

[REDACTED] Yes. 25X1A

Now, rather than keep [REDACTED] waiting out here
any longer, I'll bring him in now. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Before he comes in let me say
I've checked here through his Fitness Reports and they kind of reflect 25X1A
what [REDACTED] says - up until the beginning of January 1967, and from there
through to the end of the period he claims, this is more or less what it is:
analyzes and drafts reports, monitored daily information, maintained a
register, records management, historical officer -- and that covers the
last year and a half of what [REDACTED] is claiming. But before that his 25X1A
Fitness Reports support what he said. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Let me give the details to you now,
because I'm going to bring him in shortly. He was case officer for 25X1C
[REDACTED] responsible for
Agency coordination and support including liaison with the military on
joint utilization of project assets. Now even that by itself doesn't sound

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all that good. We can ask him a little more about it.

Then, case officer for [REDACTED] 25X1A
respon-

sible for supporting, development and placement of a singleton asset 25X1C

[REDACTED]

in coordination with [REDACTED] This sounds like an R&D project and you 25X1A
get a contract for a survey. I don't know. We will have to ask him.

Monitoring correspondence -- Obviously that's nothing.

Then as you move on, as Murray was pointing
out --

[REDACTED] Starting with January 1967 -- 25X1A
Beginning January 1967 he was
strictly an office type.

[REDACTED] Does [REDACTED] know that the CSCS Board 25X1A
did not approve it? 25X1A

[REDACTED] I don't know. 25X1A

[REDACTED] If you take that back to January 1967,
that leaves him seven months shy right there.

[REDACTED] Shy of 59 months. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Yes. Because July 1962 to
January 1967 --

[REDACTED] He needed every bit of that, and he 25X1A
was asking for July 1962 to October 1967 -- so you've knocked out 10
months of it right there. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Which would leave him only 53
or 54 months.

[REDACTED] then came 25X1A
before the Board in his own behalf

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[REDACTED] we have been going 25X1A
through your file a little bit here. First of all, I assume you know
that in terms of domestic qualifying service the critical thing we're
looking for has to do with the requirement of continuing practice of
stringent security and covert tradecraft procedures. We have to very
carefully consider this, because otherwise everyone who is engaged in
very sensitive activities down the hall here could claim the same thing
about their jobs. The key thing is you are out in the field and you really
have to practice tradecraft --

[REDACTED] I think I understand what the criteria
were for this. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Your case is possibly a little more
difficult because of the fact that there is very little overseas service here.

[REDACTED] That is correct, except for the three 25X1A
TDY's connected therewith. 25X1A

[REDACTED] So we have to find an awful lot of
domestic service, specifically--

Did you say three TDY's? 25X1A

[REDACTED] There were two during that period. I
was thinking of an earlier TDY, which was not connected with this. There
was one in 1962. These were short TDY's. 25X1A

[REDACTED] In the course of our going into this
both by talking with people and by reviewing your file, it just seems to us
that quite clearly from January 1967 on you were out of all of this and you
were historical officer, records management officer, and by and large in
administrative duties. So even if we went all the way and gave
you credit for the entire balance, you still wouldn't have the required
amount of service.

[REDACTED] I see.

[REDACTED] Did you realize that? 25X1A

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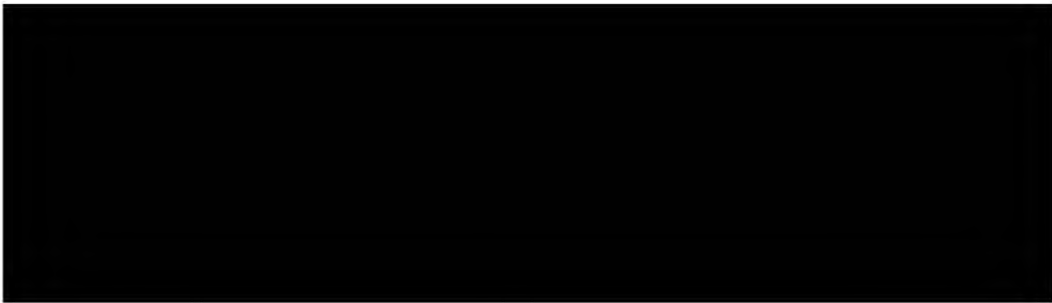
[REDACTED] When I wrote this I thought this 25X1A
service covered that period of time. I would have to refresh my memory
on this. It commenced when I undertook [REDACTED] and ceased 25X1A
when the [REDACTED] was being wound up -- whatever period of 25X1A
time that was, it was the period of time I am referring to in terms of
continuous operational activity.

[REDACTED] 25X1A
Well, your total time was about
63 months -- in other words, from July 1962 to October 1967 is 63 months.
It seems quite clear that there are only 53 months, though, that can even
be considered -- and I think it would be quite difficult to find all 53
of those months qualifying, but even if we did, you still don't have the
necessary 60 months.

[REDACTED] expired at what point? I 25X1A
mean, [REDACTED] I said immediately prior to transfer in November 1967, 25X1A
so I guess it was prior to that period of time, then. So it's whatever
those periods of months might be.

[REDACTED] 25X1A
Well, for example, we've got that
specific Fitness Report and it shows no duties other than the more or less
admin type duties for that whole last ten months.


[REDACTED]: Starting with January 1967. 25X1A
[REDACTED] Now even if you had enough time --
which, as I say, you don't -- For example, what about your duties
in terms of [REDACTED]? - which again, on the surface seems to involve 25X1A
primarily liaison with military components. 25X1A



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he was not involved in sensitive projects after 1 January 1967 -- so that we would have to find almost 60 months out of a 53 month period.

request.  I move that we do not approve this request. 25X1A

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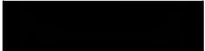
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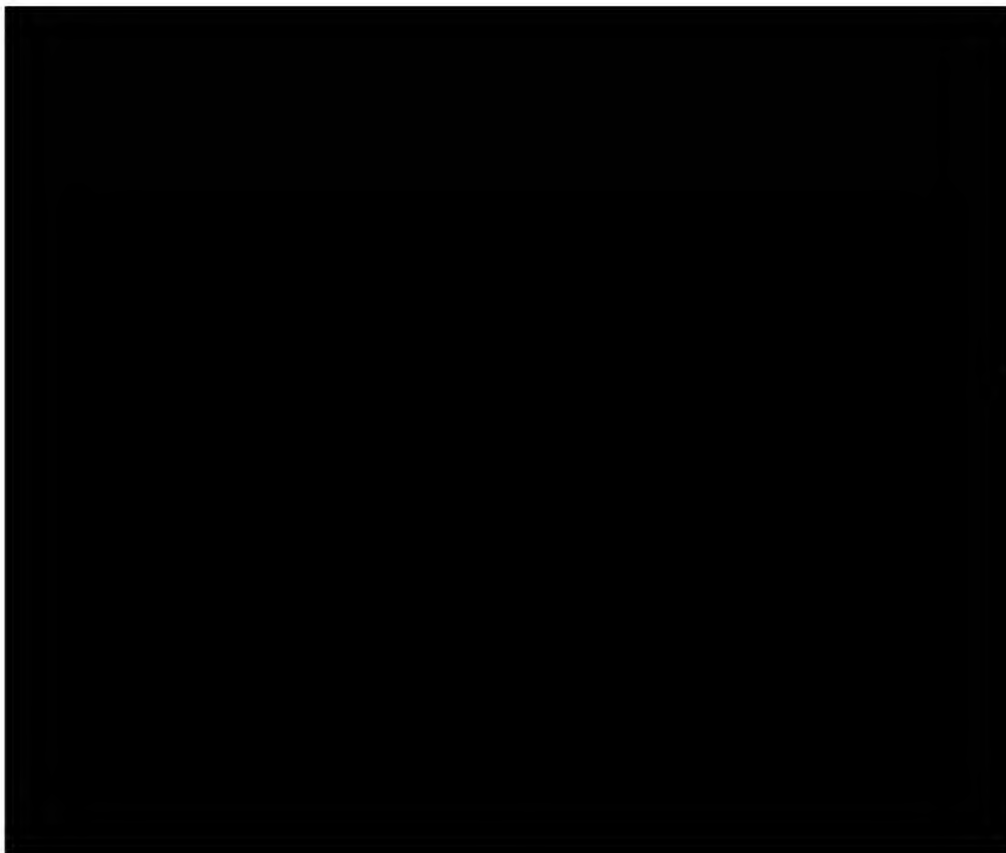
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Why doesn't somebody make the motion.

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 Well, John, I must admit I'm on the 25X1C

fence on this one. He was a weapons instructor. How hazardous is this? I wish it was more than five months so you could make the case. This note says to me: just received a call back that the information he had given was wrong. Well, the information I had



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[REDACTED] But they were using [REDACTED] and 25X1C

that was the reason we got [REDACTED], because the neighbors complained to their congressmen about it.

25X1A

[REDACTED] Right. Again I'm not clear--

25X1C

Certainly the man doesn't indicate he was in [REDACTED]

He was an instructor. My question to you is: Do you feel a weapons instructor is qualifying service? I guess it's a question of the odds. In other words, you could say - well, does everybody get a day's credit when he goes down and takes weapons instruction? Obviously this would be pretty silly. This guy is just exposed to it on a daily basis, but is it really that hazardous? I'd like to get some reactions from around this table.

25X1A

[REDACTED] If I were down there I'd worry about

the clowns who would be coming down there for training in that same area there. You never could tell what might happen - just accidentally, I mean -- especially if they are brand new at it, if they are being exposed to it for the first time. As an instructor I assume that he could handle himself, but he couldn't handle the other people there and they are the ones who cause the accidents if they ever do have them.

25X1A

[REDACTED] How do you feel about it, George?

[REDACTED] I'm a little doubtful myself.

Maybe it's just that I'm a little doubtful today --

25X1A

[REDACTED] Well, we have those sort of days.

I'm so delighted with the session and the guidance we've gotten from the Director, but I don't want to swing 180 degrees either, and be completely negative on anybody -- I still would like to give them the benefit of the doubt.

25X1A

[REDACTED] John, what was your reason for asking

for the motion earlier?

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25X1C



Bob, how do you feel?

25X1A

[REDACTED] You started off moving me off the fence and now I'm way on the other side and I think he ought to have it.

for here? [REDACTED] How many months are we looking

25X1A

Four or five months.

And this is one of the reasons -- For just four or five months I'd hate to not give it to him.

25X1A

[REDACTED] I move we approve it.

Second.

Any nays?

I don't believe it, but I don't guess ...

. . . Above motion was then passed . . .

25X1A

[REDACTED] Murray, when you write it up make it four months and 29 days -- that doesn't sound as bad.

25X1A

Now, this [REDACTED] case is annoying.

25X1A

Table [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Let's table [REDACTED] one more time.

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25X1A [REDACTED] is the guy where they have offered to send him to [REDACTED] for six 25X1A
 weeks just to give him his time, but [REDACTED] has been saying he can't go 25X1A
 because he has domestic problems. But they think he is weakening --
 and if he will go-- As a matter of fact, I told them if they would
 give me a flat statement -- I said this to [REDACTED] a very 25X1A
 responsible guy -- that he would go by the 31st of March that we would
 lose the papers for three months. Well, Larry was supposed to call
 me back but he hasn't done so yet. 25X1A

Now, [REDACTED] is very much the same.
 [REDACTED] has pledged that he will go 25X1A
 the one month and seven days in a string [REDACTED] right now, where 25X1A
 he has been for the last month, and he is going to continue on until he gets
 the necessary service - the one month and seven days there to do it.

[REDACTED] Okay, then we will sort of lose
 this one, too. 25X1A
 [REDACTED] We have lost it since September
 already!
 [REDACTED] Yes, this one was excessive, really.
 Well, we'll give this one the one more month. I'm sure the seven days
 are gone already. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Well, since he's going to get the
 time, if you took him out you would have to put him right back in anyway,
 so we're just saving ourselves some time. 25X1A

[REDACTED] But as I say, Murray, look for
 him in about a month so we can wrap it up. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Couldn't we go ahead and approve it on the
 assumption that this month and seven days will have been completed.

[REDACTED] He is already up there. 25X1A
 [REDACTED] The motion will be that the man is on
 a TDY now which will give him the additional one month and seven days he

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needs, and on the assumption that he completes this service we recommend that he be designated a participant in the System.

[REDACTED] So move.

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[REDACTED] Second.

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[REDACTED] is looking for an extension of two years under the Civil Service Retirement System.

He is now scheduled for April 30, 1971. There is a little confusion in

this paper. Really what happened on this one, [REDACTED] 25X1A

called me and said he was going to have a session with this fellow and,

in an effort to gather the various options he said - "If you don't

support him on the one year will you give him 60 days to carry him to

30 June?" And I said sure, if he comes in and says - "I don't need

an extension but will you give me 60 days to 30 June" - we will say

yes, we will approve it. So there has never been any official change

and we are acting on the basis of April 31, and not June. It's a bit of a

red herring -- but they did ask, and I did say yes we would. In the

meantime-- And this fellow is apparently a very sincere guy --

he did make an effort with EAA, as I think you can see there, to get a

job. But here's a man who not only is 60 years old but he has one eye

and his hearing is deteriorating -- and although he took the ^{Civil Service} test and

qualified, he obviously is not very likely to find a job. And I'm afraid

we have to recognize the fact that that Civil Service list is getting pretty

long, these days of lay offs, and the possibility of his getting a job is

becoming pretty remote.

On the basis of his having given it a good try for three months, they are now asking for a one year extension. In any event, my own thought is that we go ahead with a one year extension on

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the basis of not just his compassionate problem -- because it probably isn't all that great -- but the fact that he does have to continue working and he is in a poor position, really, to have any chance of finding a job somewhere else. At least this was my thought. I don't know.

Charlie, did you do any checking on this one?

[REDACTED] No, I just went over the other papers 25X1A that were up in our office -- and they really don't add anything to this.

[REDACTED] I'm inclined to go along on a year's 25X1A extension.

[REDACTED] I'd recommend we approve an extension for one year.

[REDACTED] Second.

. . . This motion was then passed . . .

25X1A

[REDACTED] : Next, the case of [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A


[REDACTED] I talked to our Director of Finance and told him he was doing a fine job in carrying out the spirit of this thing. And again, I'm throwing this out for what it's worth. This is really not the worst case I've seen, in terms of her having only a \$3900.00 annuity. True, her husband is also getting an annuity, but he is disabled to the extent that he was able to retire on a disability annuity. She does have more than her share of family problems. All I said here in my notes is: Suppose the Board recommends a three month extension to carry her to the end of the year so she at least gets the tax break? -- which always seems to be particularly important to these Finance types who figure all of these things out. And Les Bush said he would certainly have no objection to that. Again, I throw that out as sort of my homework on this particular case. I guess if I had to decide it based on the facts, I think I would have gone along, since the Director of Finance and the

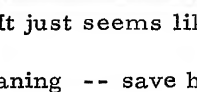
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DD/S had both recommended for it. I don't think it's that bad a case.

I have to give Les Bush credit for having a closer feel of the thing. How do you all feel?

long a period?  The D/Pers can approve for how long a period? 25X1A

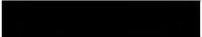

 It will have to go to the Director. But that's all right. It just seems like a little something to give her which will have some meaning -- save her some money on taxes.


Charlie, do you have any feeling on that?

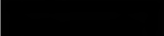
 I would agree. 25X1A
Is a three month extension all right with you, George?

Yes.
Okay, I think we have a motion and a second that we recommend a three month extension, particularly to give her the slight financial break that would result in her tax situation.

. . . This motion was then passed . . .

 Next case,  He 25X1A
wants domestic qualifying service and will retire 30 April 1971 at age 60 - 25X1A
which would then be mandatory retirement. He needs eight months and he is looking for that amount of service in the period August 1964 through March 1967, and also 1967 to the present.

25X1C Well, all I know is what I read there. He seemed to be handling a  from the 1967 date on, and prior to that time was engaged in clandestine meetings with what appears to be great frequency, all requiring tradecraft and security. So, Sid, do you have anymore than what is on the surface here? 25X1A

 No. I remember this guy when he was in SR Division, at that time, and he was a very conscientious,

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hard-working guy, and he went off -- I don't remember whether these
were the exact dates or not -- but he went to [REDACTED] We had a 25X1A
program of two to three month TDYs, because the [REDACTED] records 25X1A
they had down there were vast but had not really been kept in good order
for a long time, and he is a linguist of sorts and they needed the [REDACTED] 25X1A
and that's why he went down on several of those things. And also, if I'm
not mistaken, to [REDACTED] also, again to do the same job of pulling out the 25X1A

[REDACTED] K1C

All of this information was there but it had never been pulled out. And
this guy worked on this in the field and also back here in his headquarters
office.

[REDACTED] I didn't have any trouble with this one.
I didn't either. 25X1A
It looked pretty good -- and it is
just eight months.
I move we approve it.
I second that.

. . . This motion was then passed . . .

[REDACTED] The next case is [REDACTED] 25X1A
He needs 15 months of domestic qualifying service. He will retire 30 25X1A
[REDACTED] 25X1C

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25X1C

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The next case is

She needs 17 months. Possibly this will be down to 13 or 14 months, because apparently she is on a brief TDY now. The plea is on the basis of 1954 to 1957 operations support to field and contract agents.

And that kind of narrows it down. This is the language I have reference

25X1A

to here. [REDACTED] says, "...there were indeed Contract Agents in the Headquarters area who presumably required all of the service listed

25X1A

by [REDACTED] at one time or another. Our conclusion is that [REDACTED]

25X1A

has stated her duties in paragraph 2 in an accurate manner and that these responsibilities should be considered in any decision regarding her qualifying service." Now that's not quite a statement that they think her service is qualifying.

Then [REDACTED] has signed a memo for John

25X1A

25X1A

[REDACTED] saying,

"... we have concluded that during the period May 1954 through May 1955 [REDACTED] was essentially performing the duties as outlined in paragraph 2 of her referenced memorandum." "Whether such service claimed by [REDACTED] should be credited towards retirement can only be left to the purview of the Retirement Board; however, this Division would endorse a favorable ruling if the Retirement Board is so inclined."

25X1A

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Both of these endorsements are almost damning with faint sort of words, I feel.

Now, I relate these two. I should tell you I know [REDACTED] real well -- for a time socially -- and I guess 25X1A I'm closer to what she did. To me both of these cases are about the same. There is a great similarity. [REDACTED] was a secretary - 25X1A or is a secretary in EUR, did all of her overseas service [REDACTED] and 25X1A being on the [REDACTED] desk here she handled the telephone calls and arranged 25X1A meetings, and if there was going to be a party she might even be in on [REDACTED] 25X1A arranging that but more in a secretarial/admin way with our liaison people here in Washington. For the life of me I just can't see it as qualifying service -- and I really don't think Jane does, but she thought there would be no sense in not trying, because she's going to leave anyway. Her husband has retired and she wants to join him. 25X1A

[REDACTED] during the period she is claiming was in admin support, specifically during that period she was admin officer in the Support Branch in the period 1954 to 1956. Again it sounds to me like they used her when they had a language problem [REDACTED] who was 25X1A in town, to lay on the arrangements, but she didn't participate operationally. This is the feeling that I have. I don't know how it reads to the rest of you fellows. 25X1A

[REDACTED] It even goes beyond that. Tom K. 25X1A says:

"During the above mentioned period, [REDACTED] was engaged in the selection, procurement and cover arrangements for a safehouse and recruited and handled a safehouse keeper. She also provided operational support to field and contract agents during their temporary visit to Washington, D. C. "

[REDACTED] I'm saying, what was this operational support? The fact that she laid on the arrangements to get a safehouse? 25X1A

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All right, I accept that, but I don't see that as a big deal.

here. [REDACTED] They are talking about in Washington 25X1A

[REDACTED] The thing is she was a support type, and I don't think she was involved operationally with these people -- I think she took care of the housekeeping problems for them. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Guided them around the city and saw to it they had a good time. 25X1A

[REDACTED] I think here again in all cases they knew who she was. Again, I'd be happy to have her come in and talk to us some more. I don't like to turn people down at this stage of the game unless it's real black and white without talking to them. 25X1A

[REDACTED] Apparently she won't be back here for two or three months. They said the TDY is four months. 25X1A

[REDACTED] I have a question about [REDACTED] 25X1A

[REDACTED] But on these two cases I didn't have any question -- I just couldn't see it here at all. 25X1A 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED]: Well, to just stick with the [REDACTED] case for a minute, how did you feel about it, Charlie?

[REDACTED] I must say, I had difficulty with it, too. 25X1A

[REDACTED] I did too. What did you think, John? I thought it was weak as presented.

There may be something here we don't see, but --

25X1A [REDACTED] The thing that bothered me here were the words that they chose - which, as you (indicating [REDACTED] say, were damning with faint [REDACTED] agreement.

25X1A [REDACTED] I think they know that it was kind of -- I really think it was very much what Jane

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25X1A [REDACTED] did. Jane came to see me, and I said - "Jane, what did you do?" "Well, you know, I made telephone calls and would say -

25X1A Can you meet today at the [REDACTED]" And when they came to the building here she would escort them. These were [REDACTED] office 25X1A But when I got down to the heart of it - "Did it really require tradecraft and security?" Not one bit, really. These people knew just who she was. And then Jane would say to me and mean it sincerely, "But when we were at parties together I'd have to be careful what I said." I don't call that "stringent security."

[REDACTED] 25X1A If you will look on page 10 of your statistical report you will notice the 7th name down on that list is

25X1A [REDACTED] She has already signed for discontinued service under Civil Service so she must not think she has much chance here -- she signed to go 28 November 1971 -- she signed her application before she went on TDY.

25X1A [REDACTED] Of course she has a lot at stake -- it's 10% more for her.

25X1A Well, three of you feel the same way, then, in the [REDACTED] case. Sid, do you feel strongly about wanting to wait and have her come in?

25X1A [REDACTED] Yes, I think so. I think she is a very bright girl -- and I know, also, because she was supporting the

25X1A [REDACTED] directly from here - and boy! the flow of necessary documents came up regularly, and well in time, and with comments that she would gather from others.

25X1A [REDACTED] The problem is we will run out of time here.

25X1A [REDACTED] She has already signed for the Civil Service in February.

25X1A [REDACTED] From what you're saying, Sid, she

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may be the greatest in the world, but we are talking about did she really have to practice tradecraft or security?

25X1A

[REDACTED] I'm not arguing on that.

I think we have a motion here.

Would you like to make it, Charlie?

25X1A

[REDACTED] I move that the request for domestic

25X1A

qualifying service in the case of [REDACTED] be disapproved.

25X1A

[REDACTED] Second.

. . . This motion was then passed . . .

25X1A

[REDACTED] I think that settles the [REDACTED]

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case, then, too.

[REDACTED] Yes, I think we have a motion that the

request for domestic qualifying service in the case of [REDACTED] be disapproved.

. . . This motion was seconded and passed . . .

. . . The Board members agreed to have their next meeting on 30 November 1970 . . .

. . . The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. . . .

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